

## ***Easy Upgrades: What's New for 2009***

Idaho Power has improved the *Easy Upgrades* incentive program for 2009. The changes, effective January 5, 2009, include new measures, increased incentives and other improvements.

Since early 2007, *Easy Upgrades* has helped commercial and industrial property owners improve their existing buildings. *Easy Upgrades* offers incentives of up to \$100,000 for enhancing the efficiency of lighting, cooling systems and other commercial equipment.

Since its introduction, over 600 energy-saving projects have been completed and earned incentive payments through the *Easy Upgrades* program. Those projects are saving more than 30 million kilowatt-hours per year, enough energy to power about 2,000 typical homes.

Even with a successful program, there are still opportunities for improvement. The improvements include a slightly modified application form, space for the application number on the worksheets and a lighting worksheet with space to note operating hours. An electronic, paperless application will also be available.

Many other changes will be seen on the lighting worksheet. Higher incentive levels are available for most lighting projects using T8 or T5 fluorescents. Incentives for light emitting diodes (LEDs) were added as well as LED refrigerated case lighting – which will be included on the Grocery Refrigeration worksheet.

Beyond lighting, additions to the HVAC worksheet include efficient Packaged Terminal Air Conditioning units, an incentive for control system optimization and occupancy controls for hotel and motel rooms. The Building Shell worksheet includes incentives for insulated roll-up doors and fast-closing doors in cold storage facilities. Efficient commercial refrigerators, freezers and ice makers were added to the Plug Loads worksheet, while the incentives for replacing damaged door gaskets in refrigerated grocery cases have been reduced.

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